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ABSTRACT

This course is designed to teach third and fourth grade children about the missionary work of the General Conference Mennonite Church among Native Americans in Oklahoma, Montana, Arizona, and northern Manitoba. However, the materials may be adapted for use with children or intergenerational groups of any age. The course contains 13 sessions--2 each for the Oklahoma Cheyenne and Arapaho; Northern Cheyenne; Hopi; Metis; Cree; and Salteaux--and a celebration session at the end. Each session includes teacher preparation and planning, a story that provides a window into the life of the people studied, and activities such as songs, prayers, discussion about mission work or Native American history, art, crafts, dance, and native cooking. The final session is intended as a celebration of what the children have learned during the course; possible activities are suggested. The course also includes maps of each area under study, a Christmas play called "A Northern Nativity," and an evaluation sheet. The packet contains a poster and description of this course's giving project--camping for native children and youth--profiles of missionaries working in the areas studied, resource sheets detailing class activities, and a map of Native American mission sites in North America. An "artifacts kit" available for rental includes additional resources such as samples of crafts, cassettes of music and language for each tribe, photographs, books, maps, and games. (SV)

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